GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Revenue (Disaster Management) - Natural Calamities -Drought Kharif, 2023 – Agriculture and Horticulture Crop Damages –Sanction of Rs.847,22,52,000/-(Rupees Eight Hundred Forty Seven Crore Twenty Two lakh Fifty Two Thousand only) towards Input subsidy to the farmers affected by drought Kharif - 2023 – Administrative Sanction - Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (DISASTER MANAGEMENT-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.24, **Dated:15.05.2024.**

Read the following: -

1. G.O.Ms.No.4, Revenue (DM-II) Department, dated.31.10.2023.
2. From the Agriculture & Cooperation Dept., e-file Computer No.2309549.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1194, Finance (FMU-Rev) Dept., Dt:16.03.2024.
4. Minutes of the Screening Committee, dt.23.03.2024.
5. From the C.E.O., AP, UO Note No.3842/Elecs.A2/2024, dt.03.05.2024.
6. Interim orders of Hon'ble High Court dt.07.05.2024 in WP(SR) No.18068/2024.
7. Letter No.2309549/DM-II/2024, dt.07.05.2024 of Revenue (DM-II) Deptt.
8. From the C.E.O., AP, UO Note No.3842/Elecs.A2/2024, dt.09.05.2024.
9. From the Hon'ble High Court, common order dt 09.05.2024 in WP Nos.11449, 11182, 11410, 11411 and 11202 of 2024.
10. G.O.Rt.No.1894 , Finance(FMU-Rev) Deptt., dt.15.05.2024.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, Government have declared 103 Mandals as drought affected during Kharif -2023 in Seven (7) Districts of Andhra Pradesh, viz., NTR District, Kurnool, Nandyal, Ananthapuramu, Sri Satya Sai, Annamayya and Chittoor District.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Agriculture & Cooperation Dept., have submitted the proposals of the Special Commissioner of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P, Guntur for sanction of an amount of Rs.84722.52 lakhs towards Agricultural (Rs.78457.11 Lakhs) and Horticultural (Rs.6265.41 Lakhs) input subsidy to the 695897 affected farmers whose crops were damaged more than 33% due to Drought Kharif, 2023.

3. In the G.O. 3rd read above, the Finance (FMU-Rev) Deptt., have issued BRO for an amount of Rs.847,22,52,000/-(Rupees Eight Hundred Forty Seven Crore Twenty Two lakh Fifty Two Thousand only) during the F.Y 2023- 24 towards Agricultural (Rs.78457.11 Lakhs) and Horticultural (Rs.6265.41 lakhs) input subsidy to the 695897 farmers whose crops were damaged due to Drought Kharif -2023.

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4. In view of Model Code of Conduct, the matter has been placed before the Screening Committee on 23.03.2024 and the Committee recommended the same and the matter has been referred to the Chief Electoral Officer, A.P., for obtaining ECI clearance.

5. In the reference 5th read above, the C.E.O.,A.P., has stated that the ECI in the letter dt.30.04.2024 has stated that "the proposal be deferred till the completion of poll in the State".

6. On the interim orders of Hon'ble High Court 6th read above, the matter has again been referred to EC for reconsidered decision, vide reference 7th read above.

7. In the reference 8th read above, the C.E.O., A.P., has stated that the ECI in the letter dt.08.05.2024 have stated that "the Commission has 'no objection' from MCC angle with the condition that there shall be no mention by anyone to gain political mileage anyhow. Disbursement will be affected after 13.05.2024 (poll day in Andhra Pradesh)".

8. The financial year 2023-24 is over and therefore, the BRO issued in the G.O.3rd read above needs to be revalidated.

9. Therefore, in the G.O. 10th read above, the Finance (FMU-Rev) Deptt., have issued BRO for an amount of Rs.847,22,52,000/-(Rupees Eight Hundred Forty Seven Crore Twenty Two lakh Fifty Two Thousand only) as additional funds in relaxation of treasury control and quarterly regulation orders pending provision of funds by obtaining supplementary grants at an appropriate time during the C.F.Y 2024-25 towards Agricultural (Rs.78457.11 Lakhs) and Horticultural (Rs.6265.41 lakhs) input subsidy to the 695897 farmers whose crops were damaged due to Drought Kharif -2023.

10. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby accord administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.847,22,52,000/-(Rupees Eight Hundred Forty Seven Crore Twenty Two lakh Fifty Two Thousand only) under SDRF towards Agricultural (Rs.78457.11 Lakhs) and Horticultural (Rs.6265.41 lakhs) input subsidy to the 695897 farmers whose crops were damaged more than 33% due to Drought Kharif -2023 in Seven (7) Districts viz., NTR District, Kurnool, Nandyal, Ananthapuramu, Sri Satya Sai, Annamayya and Chittoor Districts.

11. The amount sanctioned in para (10) above, shall be debited to the following head of Account :

"MJH 2245	-	Relief on Accounts of Natural Calamities
S.M.J.H .01	-	Drought
M.H .101	-	Gratuitous Relief
S.H .04	-	Cash Doles
310	-	Grants -in-Aid
316	-	Payments to beneficiaries in Calamities/Notified events"

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12. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P, Guntur are authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in the para(10) above, to the affected farmers by the way of Direct Benefit Transfer System and to furnish the Consolidated Utilization Certificates duly verified by the Andhra Pradesh State Audit to the Revenue(DM-Accounts) Department for the amount released .

13. The directions issued by the Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh, pertaining to the sanction & disbursal of disaster management funds, shall be followed scrupulously during the period of the implementation of the MCC.

14. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance(FMU– Revenue) Department, vide their U.O.No.FIN01-FMU0MISC/13/2024-FMU-REV (Computer No.2320407) dated 15.05.2024.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (DM)

To
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P, Guntur .
The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to :

The Agriculture & Cooperation(Agri II) Deptt., A.P .Secretariat.
The District Collectors of NTR District, Kurnool, Nandyal, Ananthapuramu, Sri Satya Sai, Annamayya and Chittoor Districts.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P.
The District Treasury Officers of NTR District, Kurnool, Nandyal, Ananthapuramu, Sri Satya Sai, Annamayya and Chittoor Districts.
The M.D., APSDMA.
The Chief Electoral Officer, A.P.
The Accountant General, A.P.
The Director of State Audit, A.P. Mangalagiri
The Finance (FMU-Rev) Deptt.
The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Govt.
The P.S. to Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Lands & DM) Dept.
The Accounts Officer, Revenue (DM.) Dept.
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SECTION OFFICER